

## CALVES SELL IN MIDLAND FOR \$31

Yearling Heifers Bring \$65; Cattlemen Make Good Profits.

Midland, Tex., Dec. 22.—Midland country calves are bringing \$31 around and yearling heifers are selling readily at \$65 around. At these prices the cattle men are making good profits and are enjoying a prosperity greater than has been known in this section in many years.

**Sells Calf Crop at \$31.**  
Dr. W. J. Curtis, whose ranch is 20 miles north of Midland, has sold his calf crop of several hundred head to the Schaefer Cattle Co., at \$31 around. He also has sold to Charlie Dublin 100 yearling heifers at \$65 around.

Will Modlin, who ranches in Glasscock county, has sold 350 yearling steers at \$37.50 a head.

**Sells Heifer Calves at \$32.50.**  
H. H. Nell, of Kermitt, has sold his entire crop of heifer calves at \$32.50 around. He says the range in his country was never in better shape. There have been plenty of rain and snow; cattle are in fine shape and will require little if any winter feeding.

## TEST VALUE OF ENSILAGE AND ALFALFA FOR LIVESTOCK

Prescott, Ariz., Dec. 22.—An interesting experiment in stock feeding is now being made at the University of Arizona agricultural experiment station, north of Prescott. The object is to determine the relative value of ensilage and alfalfa hay.

Two small herds of cattle, all of the same breed, have been purchased. The herds are as much alike as possible. Each individual animal has a counter-plate in the other herd, age and weight being considered.

One herd is being fed on alfalfa hay and the other on ensilage from a concrete silo. At the end of 40 days the cattle will be weighed and their condition noted. The result of the experiment will then be made public.

## CORONA CATTLEMEN GET \$32 AROUND FOR CALVES

Corona, N. M., Dec. 22.—Corona cattlemen are selling this year's crop of calves for \$32 around, which is regarded as the top price for calves. A number of shipments have been made during the past week, the buyer being P. J. McCabe. The shipments went to Del Norte, Colo.

D. C. Jones has shipped 100 cows and 50 calves to Texoma, Texas, the shipments being made from the Alamogordo yards. The cattle has been on Mr. Jones's valley range.

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## CATTLE IMPORTS CONTINUE HEAVY

Local Cattlemen Optimistic Over Outlook for the New Year.

Although movements of stock from the west were small during the week, importations from Mexico continued on a large scale. In general with other lines of business, the cattle trade has been light around the holidays, but cattlemen are highly optimistic regarding conditions in the trade after the first of the year.

**Cattle and Sheep Imported.**  
About 1500 head of cattle were imported from Mexico. Much of this goes to the Fort Worth market, the remainder being put on pasture in west Texas and New Mexico. Ranches in both of these sections are in fine shape. About 3500 head of sheep, the greater part from the Heartland, were entered during the week. The stock was in fine shape and was a good run.

**Some Shipments Delayed.**  
A number of contemplated shipments from points along the North Western were delayed through a brief tie up, occasioned by the burning of bridges, but these will start moving in a few days. Shipments from Casas Grandes, which have been driven in from the surrounding country, will total about 1500 head.

## GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO SELL SEIZED STOCK RAISED

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—A fine point in law as to the title the United States government gives to property purchased after seizure by customs officers is involved in a case that is to be tried in the state court at Marfa. Assistant United States district attorney Hugh R. Robertson will represent the interests of the government. The case raises the point in which the defendant is shown to have purchased cattle that were seized by customs officials on the Mexican border. Now the owners come forward and dispute the right of the officials to seize the cattle, claiming they were brought into this country in a legal manner. Should this matter be substantiated it will be a matter of interest as to what action the courts will take.

## MEXICAN SHEEP AND CATTLE IMPORTATIONS HERE HEAVY

Heavy importations of both sheep and cattle were made at the port of El Paso Saturday afternoon. Kraft & Maden brought up 1500 sheep and 204 head of cattle. From the Heartland ranch, J. C. Hayes imported 1500 sheep and 32 cars of cattle, numbering 555 head. All of this stock is in good condition. Most of the sheep will be sent direct to market, while the cattle will be pastured on nearby ranges.

## GETS \$85 EACH FOR 3000 CALVES

Double Circle Ranch Sells Quarter of a Million Worth of Cattle.

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 22.—One of the largest calf deals ever made by a Panhandle cattleman has been closed by D. M. Devitt, president of the Lubbock Cattle and Horse Company. Mr. Devitt has purchased from the Double Circle Ranch, near Clifton, Ariz., 2000 calves at \$35 around, the deal aggregating \$70,000. The calves are all April and May calves and will be delivered at Lubbock in the spring.

**Sells 3000 Steers.**  
The Double Circle ranch also has sold 2000 two and three year old steers to Landgrin Bros., at Amarillo, Texas. The total sales from the Double Circle ranch this year have exceeded a quarter of a million dollars and the breeding herd and several thousand yearling steers are still on the ranch.

## SMOKER PLANNED FOR CATTLE MEN

A big smoker for all of the cattlemen attending the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's association convention in March will be held at the new barn at the Morris stockyards. Every effort is being made to have the convention, according to J. A. Tapes, representative of Morris & Co., in this city.

Work at the stockyards is being rushed and a large force of men, in charge of construction superintendent H. H. Bass, is at work on the pens and in grading in readiness for the building of the office building and barn. The barn will be 75x200 feet and will be one of the largest in this section. Mr. Tapes left Monday for a brief visit to Kansas City, St. Joseph and Chicago. He will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother and sister at St. Joseph and expects to return here about the first of the year.

## HEAVY SHIPMENTS MADE FROM HOPE AND ARTESIA

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 22.—Numerous shipments of sheep and cattle are being made from Hope and Artesia. Most of the shipments during the past week have been from Hope. A shipment of cattle is to be made this week by the Flying H ranch and Texas brokers, of Roswell, are arranging to load 1000 cars from the Artesia yards this week.

## FAT COWS SHIPPED FROM TOYAHVALE TO ODESSA

Balmorhea, Texas, Dec. 22.—Seven carloads of fat cows have been delivered at the Toyahvale pens during the past week by B. B. McCutcheon. They were sold to Graham & Price and four cars were shipped to Odessa, the others going to Fort Worth.

## PECOS MAN GETS 157 SHEEP FOR HIS RANCH

Pecos, Texas, Dec. 22.—Four carloads of sheep purchased from M. Thurman, of Carlsbad, have been received here by Henry Lavette. The sheep have been sent by Mr. Lavette to his ranch near Balmorhea. There were 157 in the shipment.

## MAKES NEW WORLD'S RECORD.

A new world's record for a year's yield of milk has been set by Tilly Alice, owned in Woodland, Cal. She produced 30,452.6 pounds of milk, containing 1182.12 pounds of butter. She is of the Holstein-Friesian breed.

## SHIPS FROM ALAMOGORDO.

Alamogordo, N. M., Dec. 22.—D. C. Jones has shipped 250 head of cattle from the Alamogordo pens to his ranch at Texoma, on the Texas-Oklahoma line in the Panhandle.

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## HOVS AND GOVS ARE MAGNIFICENT

Editor of "Earth" Magazine Says These Animals Are Gold on the Hoof.

Hogs and cows are to be the homely magician who will convert the valleys of the Rio Grande into outdoor national banks of issue, F. L. Vandegrift, editor of "The Earth" magazine, and an expert on community development work, declares.

"In my trip through the Rio Grande valleys with C. L. Seagraves, general collector for the Santa Fe," he said, "I saw hogs waiting fat and contented at the bank. I also saw a few—too few—dairy cattle in the valleys. The dairy industry is growing everywhere and the Rio Grande valleys should be a storehouse of milk."

"And it ought to be an easy matter," continued Mr. Vandegrift, "for there is no fairer land in the west than that in the little valleys which lie below the great dam. I have visited them many times since I came to this work in 1907, and every time I find added beauties and new beauties. Every year the country becomes more Americanized and the work of the 'schoolman' more apparent."

## Ride Through Valley.

"We spent a day in the Mesilla valley," Mr. Vandegrift, conferring with K. E. Bassett, the very efficient immigration commissioner of your joint bureau, and I riding with Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Stevens. There are more modern frame houses, new college edifices, better highways, the usual thrift orchard, wider spread alfalfa, more and more of the valley. Each is of great interest and promise of future stability. We found pigs in the clover, and here and there beef cattle in the feed lots, and outlying saw hogs and the other African forage plants which will aid in the greater prosperity that will follow the adoption of the new plan."

"The pigs, too, are coming. There are about 25 sows in the valley. We found one farmer who has 10 sows and is feeding 140 head, 40 more sows to be added; another feeding 80 head; another 70; and so on. There is something new. Cattle has always been a great industry up there, but thoroughbred beef in large herds has not been common."

## Farmers Have Few Pigs.

"We also found pigs. Every farmer has a few. They are found in increasing numbers. Just now they are in the alfalfa and the pasture is so green and abundant they dig right to the feed lots, and outlying saw hogs and the other African forage plants which will aid in the greater prosperity that will follow the adoption of the new plan."

"It coming in they go after the root and branch, respecting the alfalfa. Mr. Poe believes in destroying the mission of the hog is to destroy the alfalfa. Mr. Poe's sows produce two litters yearly, and of a litter of eight or nine, six grow into maturity. When they go to the market the six weigh 120 pounds, worth just now, around 7 cents per pound. Whenever Mr. Poe needs a little cash he has a load of hogs, say 2000 pounds, to El Paso. A load brought 7 cents. However, he says the best price in August, and always has hogs ready about that time."

## Farmers Need Cows.

"The farmers are milking some cows, but there is great need of more in the valley. The dairy industry is growing everywhere else in the south and southwest, and El Paso should come in for a share of it. The influence of cows on a community's material well-being is remarkable. For example, I was at Mulvane, Kansas, a few days ago where a milk condenser is paying out \$1000 daily for milk, and \$200 daily for labor. Monthly on the 15th, the institution pays out \$35,000 in round numbers. This is in a town of 1500 inhabitants."

"Seven hundred farmers, within a radius of 10 miles, receive \$20,000; 21 wagon men, \$2500; and 40 men and women employed in the plant, \$3500. Out of their profits the farmers hold aloof and buy cows. The condenser sets behind all debts incurred for cows or their milk. They like it, it is very easy to start in the dairy industry in the Mulvane district, if one has the will. And a condenser is so certain and sure of success that capital only hesitates long enough to make sure that a district is adapted to the dairy industry. For example, the Helvetia company, of Highland, Ill., established the condenser at Mulvane four years ago, where there were only 500 cows in the district. Now there are 2000, and the condenser will ultimately take the milk of 10,000."

"There never are hard times in a community which supports a milk condenser. For everybody has money and there are numerous profitable ways of spending. Farmers interested in this subject would obtain valuable information by addressing Mr. Seagraves, whose office is in the Railway Exchange, Chicago."

## READJUSTMENT OF WOOL RATES TO BE CONSIDERED

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—The railroad commission has issued notice that it will take up and consider on Tuesday, January 12, an application for a readjustment of existing regulations covering the concentration of wool and mohair at stations in Texas, so as to provide for a back haul or indirect service charge to apply on shipments concentrated at points not in the direction of final destination.

## GRANT COUNTY CATTLE BRING RECORD PRICE

Silver City, N. M., Dec. 22.—A record price for cattle was received by W. Phillips, who shipped 25 cars containing 1212 steers to Denver from White-water, Grant county, which brought a return of \$42,000. This is said to be the highest ever paid in this county. The steers were yearlings and were unusually fat and condition because of the rains in this section during the summer.

## JUDGE POOL RETURNS FROM HIS BOND SELLING TRIP

Judge Adrian Pool, of the county court, returned Saturday night from a trip to Austin and San Antonio in the interest of the proposed sale of \$65,000 worth of Concordia school bonds. Judge Pool went first to Austin to see whether the bonds could be taken up by the state school fund. He found that this fund was depleted and that there would be no funds before next April.

He then took up with representatives of bond houses in Austin and San Antonio the matter of the purpose of the bonds and reported Monday that the chances are good for disposing of the issue.

## This Week's Bargain.

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## COPPER QUEEN DEVELOPS ORE

Tonnage of Great Producer Is Being Increased; Expenses Are Cut.

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Great development of ore is taking place in the various properties of the Copper Queen company here, and the total tonnage is being very materially enlarged.

In the Gardner shaft on the 100 and 800 foot levels numerous extensions to the ore bodies already known have been found. On the 1100 and 1200 foot levels of the Lowell shaft nice bodies of new ore have been discovered, and this also holds true as regards the 1300 and 1500 foot levels of the Sacramento property.

**Safety Work Decreases Accidents.**  
Accidents in the Copper Queen mines are being very largely decreased by the installation of safety systems. It has been found. In addition, ventilation systems have been installed and have greatly improved working conditions. This in turn improves the efficiency of the men.

**Mining Costs Reduced.**  
Changes in methods of mining have resulted in great economies of operation in the Copper Queen properties. It is declared that there is not a mine in the country where lower costs of operation are to be found.

## Future Not Changed.

Walter Douglas, general manager of the Copper Queen mines, said no change has been made in the future of the company because of the 30 percent employment law. He made no comment as to what might be done in the future. Many of the Copper Queen's miners are aliens.

## SAFETY TALKS ARE MADE AT MEETING OF G. H. DIVISION

The safety division of the G. H. & S. A. railroad held its bi-monthly meeting in a special car in front of the Stanton street station of the G. H. & S. A. railway Monday. The meeting was called to order by R. M. Hoover, division superintendent, who is chairman of the safety division. It was convened at 8 a. m. and continued through the day.

Those present taking half an hour for lunch, which was served in the car. Many suggestions were offered to make travel safer and it was decided to adopt a number of them. Representatives from every department of the road in the El Paso district were present. In addition to Mr. Hoover, those present were: C. R. Morrill, assistant superintendent of the track department; F. Wesel, assistant superintendent of the mechanical department; H. W. Connelly, assistant superintendent of the operating department; J. Allen, foreman of the car department; J. K. Merriman, passenger conductor; J. S. Evans, switchman; W. A. Wood, pilot; R. J. Hughes, clerk; and P. P. Burr, clerk. From out of town the following were present: C. W. Morris, freight conductor from Anderson; L. R. Walker, freight conductor from El Paso; and B. P. Franklin, night yardmaster from Sanderson.

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## BALE ROADS ARE MINE HANDICAP

"85" Mine Will Increase Its Shipments When Roads Improve; Officers Elected.

Lordsburg, N. M., Dec. 22.—As soon as road conditions permit the hauling of ore from the "85" mine, Lordsburg will have an era of renewed activity. Joe Olney, the ore reighting contractor for the "85" mine, has sent for more teams following instructions from the company that the daily tonnage is to be increased substantially. This week's shipments were slight, owing to the deplorable conditions of the roads following a severe snow storm and rain. The ore wagons were buried up to the hubs in mud and work has slackened at the mine in order to not over tax the blinks.

**Warner Elected President.**  
At a meeting of the chief stockholders in the "85 Mining company" held in the offices here, the following were reelected to office: Arthur Warner, president; C. H. Warner, secretary and J. P. Yates treasurer and vice president. The Warners are of the speedometer fame and Mr. Yates is a millionaire wool working machinery manufacturer in Beloit, Wisconsin. W. F. Ritter was reelected general manager. His general supervision over the "85" operations in the past was such as to warrant his reappointment without much comment. Mr. Ritter is an important factor in the success of the mine.

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It was decided upon that the mine was in a position where a deep mining electric hoist was in order and one will be purchased and installed at the mine at an early date.

The addition of a night shift to the working forces is to be made in the near future when the town of Lordsburg will most likely be furnished with electricity and the plant at town closed down temporarily. There is a line connecting Lordsburg with the "85" mine and the turning of a switch would put the power on local lines.

On account of the unstable condition of the copper market the directors did not venture upon the subject of immediate enlargement of the plant, but are prepared to act when the time comes.

## Bonney Mine Gets Machinery.

A steam hoist purchased in El Paso was moved from Lordsburg to the Bonney mine this week and will at once be put into place. The new hoist at the mines are bearing the point where they can be blown into service. The Bonney mine is producing steadily but will likely greatly increase its output at the beginning of the new year.

Peter Wehrner has shipped three cars of ore from the Jerry Boyle to the El Paso smelter and is now waiting his settlement sheets which will govern future shipments. He is employing a small force of men on the property, which has been idle over 20 years and ore is being hoisted steadily. A peculiar incident in connection with the Wehrner's possession of the Jerry Boyle, is the little he holds to it. One of the original owners gave him a quit claim deed and he has bought the property at a sheriff's sale on two occasions, giving him three deeds. He is now satisfied as to who owns the famous Jerry Boyle. Some dark colored rock from the property believed to contain gold assayed 1 percent in black oxide manganese.

An assay office has been opened in Lordsburg under the management of the Honey Mining company and custom work will be accepted. All modern equipment has been installed in the office and an experienced assayer is in charge. The much needed improvement for the district and miners can now secure quick and accurate service at home.

## Stamp Mill at Gold Hill.

The latter part of this week was one of progress in the Gold Hill district north of Lordsburg, when a new stamp mill was blown into service by Frank C. Cline. The equipment consists of two 550 pound stamps, a jaw crusher and amalgamation equipment. Two gasoline engines supply the power. Part of the machinery was taken from the old Woods mill at Gold Hill but most of it is new. Mr. Cline is operating the new mill and is taking out ore averaging \$10 per ton in gold, there being no other values. The ore occurs as a fissure filling in the characteristic Gold Hill coarse grained actinolite granite and is from one to three feet in width. The gangue material is a "honeycomb" quartz. The mine is not developed any great depth but the values are regular.

## To Put In Cyanide Plant.

Mr. Cline's present plans are to operate the stamp mill for a short time but later to put in a cyanide plant at Gold Hill and is making extensive investigations prior to doing so. The opening of this camp means much to Lordsburg and the southeast in general. There are many good properties, patented and unpatented in the Gold Hill section awaiting systematic and practical development and operation. The camp is one worthy of the investigation of the larger mining interests.

## George H. Utter, owner of the famous Jim Crow and Carlisle mines at Steeple Rock, was in the city Wednesday with some excellent samples of high grade gold ore taken from his property.

Mr. Utter is well pleased with the showings made on his ground and intends to commence shipments and planned development soon.

## He received an electric station pump from El Paso this week and it is being installed in the Jim Crow shaft.

Word comes from the Hayden Stone offices in Boston that Chino will declare its last quarterly dividend, being the same as the previous quarter, \$2 per share per annum, which is received as welcome news to the many Chino stockholders in this region.

## TEXAS HEALTH OFFICERS TO LOOK FOR NEW ORLEANS RATS

Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—State health officer Steiner today issued an order to the railroads out of New Orleans that all freight cars entering Texas must be inspected by the United States public service and certified as to their freedom from rats. This is regarded by Dr. Steiner as a necessary precaution to prevent plague infection in Texas.

## PITMAN LOSES LIBEL SUIT AGAINST CHIEF L. N. DAVIS

The special district court jury returned a verdict for the defendants in the suit of C. P. Pitman against chief of police L. N. Davis and others, Monday afternoon.

Pitman sued the chief of police and others for \$100,000, alleging that he had been libeled by the printing of letters in connection with the McCoy hotel robbery case two years ago.

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